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1. TWO PRESS EVENTS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SECRETARY CALIFANO, DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ITALY: LENGTHY INTERVIEW FOR ITALIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION (RAI) AND INTERVIEW WITH ROME DAILY, LA REPUBBLICA.

2. RAI INTERVIEW, FOR SOCIALIST-ORIENTED SECOND CHANNEL, TO BE CONDUCTED BY CARLO MAZZARELLA, WHO, NOTWITHSTANDING HIS STATION'S POLITICAL TENDENCIES, IS HIMSELF POLITICAL MODERATE. MAZZARELLA SPEAKS ENGLISH. HE HAS COVERED AMERICAN AFFAIRS EXTENSIVELY IN PAST, WITH FREQUENT REPORTS ON AMERICAN BLACK AND ITALO-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND ON AMERICAN ARTISTS/ WRITERS. INTERVIEW WOULD BE RECORDED AT AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S RESIDENCE, VILLA TAVERNA, 4:30-6:00 P.M., FRIDAY, MAY 5. MAZZARELLA WISHES PRODUCE PROFILE OF CALIFANO TO SERVE AS INTRO- DUCTORY SEGMENT IN EVENTUAL HOUR-LONG PROGRAM ON PROMINENT AND SUCCESSFUL ITALO-AMERICANS TODAY. HE WILL VISIT US IN LATE-MAY TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS FOR PROGRAM WITH JUDGE SIRICA,
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CONGRESSMAN RODINO, SENATOR PASTORE, TV CORRESPONDENT RICHARD VALERIANI, WRITER, SOCIOLOGIST RICHARD GAMBINO, SEVERAL LEADING ITALO-AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS.

3. INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY CALIFANO WOULD FOCUS ON HIS FAMILY BACKGROUND, ITALO-AMERICAN ROOTS, HIS CAREER AND HIS VIEWS OF CURRENT STATUS ITALO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AOTHER

PORTION SAME INTERVIEW WOULD DEAL WITH ADMINISTRATION'S NEW DOMESTIC POLICY PROPOSALS AND CALIFANO'S EFFORTS IMPLEMENT THESE. FINALLY, INTERVIEW WOULD ALSO EXAMINE REASONS FOR CALIFANO'S VISIT TO ITALY. (THIS SEGMENT OF INTERVIEW WOULD BE TELECAST SEPARATELY IN EVENING'S NEWSCAST.)

4. TO GIVE INTERVIEW CASUAL, NATURAL APPEARANCE AND ALLOW SECRETARY CALIFANO'S PERSONALITY TO APPEAR, PART OF INTERVIEW WOULD BE CONDUCTED OUTDOORS IN VILLA TAVERNA GARDENS (WEATHER PERMITTING, OF COURSE). RAI WOULD COMPLEMENT RECORDING OF INTERVIEW ITSELF WITH FILM FOOTAGE OF SECRETARY'S OTHER ACTIVITIES WHILE IN ROME, INCLUDING MINISTERIAL CALLS AND SIGNING OF MOU. WITH SECRETARY'S PERMISSION, RAI CAMERA CREW WOULD ALSO FILM HIM WHILE JOGGING IN VILLA BORGHESE AND DURING WEEKEND PRIVATE VISIT TO TODI. IT IS FELT THAT HIS FOOTAGE WOULD ADD COLOR TO ENVISIONED PERSONALITY PORTRAIT. IN UNDERSTOOD BY RAI, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH FILMING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IF SECRETARY FEELS IT WOULD BE INTRUSION.

5. INTERVIEW WITH ROME DAILY, LA REPUBBLICA, WOULD TAKE PLACE AT VILLA TAVERNA IMMEDIATELY AFTER RAI INTERVIEW, I.E. 6:00-6:30 P.M., MAY 5. INTERVIEWER BARBARA SPINELLI AND HER PAPER, LA REPUBBLICA, ARE SOCIALIST-ORIENTED. SPINELLI, WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH, IS OFTEN CRITICAL IN HER WRITING OF US POLICIES. AT SAME TIME, SHE HAS BEEN SUPPORTER OF SOME CARTER INITIATIVES, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. EMBASSY HAS INVITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HER TO DO THIS INTERVIEW BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT DESPITE HER PREDISPOSITIONS SHE IS SUFFICIENTLY OPEN-MINDED TO RESPOND FAIRLY AND FAVORABLY TO PROGRESSIVE RECENT US DOMESTIC POLICY INITIATIVES. ALTHOUGH SHE WRITES MAINLY ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, HER VIEWS OF US INTERNATIONAL POLICIES ARE SHAPED TO DEGREE BY HER APPRAISAL OF US INTERNAL CONDITIONS AND SUCH QUESTIONS AS MINORITY RIGHTS, PLACE OF WOMEN IN US SOCIETY, ETC. SHE IS LIKELY TO BE TOUGH QUESTIONER WHO WILL DWELL ON ISSUES LIKE CONTINUED HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG BLACKS, US DRUG PROBLEM, TREATMENT OF THE INDIAN, ALLEGED LACK OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS US STUDENTS AND CONSERVATIVE RESISTANCE TO REFORM MEDINHL SYSTEM.

6. IN ADDITION TO ISSUES LISTED ABOVE, SECRETARY CALIFANO MAY AT SOME POINT BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN POLITICAL MOTIVATION HIS TRIP TO ITALY. THERE HAS BEEN SOME PRESS SPECULATION HERE THAT VISIT MAY REPRESENT SIGN OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE TOWARD NEW ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS SUPPORTED IN PARLIAMENT BY COMMUNISTS (PCI). GUIDANCE ON DEALING WITH THIS QUESTION WILL BE PROVIDED ON SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN ROME. TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY SCATTERED STORIES ABOUT FORTHCOMING CALIFANO VISIT--IN BOTH ITALIAN AND ENGLISH-

LANGUAGE PRESS--BUT ALMOST ALL THESE STORIES HAVE FOCUSED ON
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